



N A R B E R T H U R B A N D I S T R I C T

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR
THE YEAR 1956.



To the Chairman Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1956.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....1956.....
.....1,060.....

	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D.1956</u>	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D.1955</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembrokeshire</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Birth rate (per 1,000 pop.)	13.2	16.0	16.3	15.7
Death rate (per 1,000 pop.)	13.2	11.3	11.34	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	142.8	nil	32.5	23.8

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	6	8	14
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	6	8	14

<u>Still Births</u>			
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	1	-	1

Causes of death

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL (all causes)	8	6
Malignant neoplasm of lungs, bronchus	1	-
Other malignant neoplasms	1	-
Leukaemia	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	1
Coronary disease, angina	3	1
Other heart disease	-	1
Other circulatory diseases	1	-
Congenital malformations	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	2
Accidents	-	-
Suicide	-	-

The birth rate shows a decrease but the infant mortality rate shows an increase since 1955 when it was nil, as also for the last six years. There were 2 deaths of infants under one

year, 1 due to prematurity at three days, and the other to congenital heart disease at seven months.

The death rate shows a slight increase, there being fourteen deaths as compared with twelve in 1955. Approximately 57.14% of the total deaths occurred in persons aged 70 years and over and of these 28.6 occurred in persons over 80 years of age.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Scarlet Fever	5	Dysentery	1
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TUBERCULOSIS

No cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year but there was one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis which was admitted to hospital.

Prevention of Tuberculosis. B.C.G. Vaccination.

The B.C.G. Vaccination of school leavers has now been carried out in this district since the Autumn term in 1955, and during 1956, pupils who were thirteen years or over, whose parents gave consent, were skin tested and when necessary vaccinated.

Mass Radiography

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County during the year. Some of the persons examined at Narberth came from Carmarthenshire and a large proportion came in from the surrounding rural areas.

		<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total no. examined		722	362	360
No. found to be abnormal	11.63%	84	35	49
No. requiring further observation	2.63%	19	6	13
Other abnormalities of chest	9%	65	29	36

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT. 1946.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Vaccination Records were received of 3 primary and 1 secondary vaccination during the year.

Immunisation During the year, 4 children were immunised against diphtheria. No reinforcing injections were given.

Both vaccination against small-pox and immunisation against diphtheria are carried out by the local practitioners who are paid by the County Council for records received by your Medical Officer.

Vaccination against Polio-myelitis

Vaccination against Polio-myelitis was commenced in 1956 and children who were born between 1947 and 1954 and in certain months, were eligible for vaccination. At the request of the Ministry of Health, this work had to be completed by the end of June.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT. 1948.

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

Phyllis M. Bowen
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16th. October 1957.

